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### **JAPANESE CULTURAL FRINGE PROGRAMMES**

Complementing the Sakura floral display are Japanese cultural programmes on selected weekends. Organised in partnership with the Embassy of Japan in Singapore's Japan Creative Centre, the public can see traditional Japanese tea ceremonies, music and dance performances, demonstrations of the mochi-pounding tradition, a screening of Japanese animated film *Josee, the Tiger and the Fish*, and more.

Visit [www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/culturalprogrammes](http://www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/culturalprogrammes) for details.

#### ***Exclusive for ticket holders in Flower Dome:***

- **HIBIKIYA**

Watch Japanese drum group Hibikiya play the recognisable beat of the taiko and other traditional Japanese instruments as well as perform traditional dances.

**Date:** Saturday, 23 March 2024

**Time:** 1.30pm to 2.00pm and 3.30pm to 4.00pm

- **YOSAKOI**

Yosakoi is a unique Japanese style of dance and vibrant melange of tradition and modernity. Using a unique instrument known as the Naruko, clapping sounds are made to the beat when dancing.

**Date:** Saturday, 23 March 2024

**Time:** 5.00pm to 5.30pm

- **JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY**

This traditional Japanese cultural activity, also known as Chanoyu or Chado, involves the ceremonial preparation and serving of matcha and a Japanese sweet.

**Date:** Saturday, 23 March and Sunday, 24 March 2024

**Time:** 10.30am to 11.00am

11.15am to 11.45am

1.00pm to 1.30pm

1.45pm to 2.15pm

**Date:** Saturday, 30 March and Sunday, 31 March 2024



Saturday, 6 April and Sunday, 7 April 2024

**Time:** 11.00am to 11.45am  
12.00pm to 12.45pm  
1.00pm to 1.45pm  
2.00pm to 2.45pm

- **MOCHITSUKI DEMONSTRATION AND EXPERIENCE**

Witness expert mochi makers demonstrate the age-old tradition of transforming rice into delightful mochi. Don't miss the opportunity to take a turn at wielding the wooden mallet and pounding your own mochi.

**Date:** Saturday, 23 March 2024

**Time:** 1.00pm to 1.45pm  
5.45pm to 6.30pm

**Date:** Sunday, 24 March 2024

**Time:** 2.00pm to 2.45pm  
5.45pm to 6.30pm

***Free public programmes:***

- **KOTO**

Marvel at the lush sounds of Japanese koto by Koto Group of The Japanese Association, Singapore.

**Date:** Saturday, 24 March 2024

**Time:** 1.00pm to 1.15pm

**Location:** Flower Field Hall

- **JAPANESE FOLK DANCE**

Dance along with Minyo Club of The Japanese Association, Singapore as they showcase folk dances handed down from all over Japan.

**Date:** Saturday, 24 March 2024

**Time:** 1.30pm to 1.45pm

**Location:** Flower Field Hall



- **AIKIDO DEMONSTRATION**

Aikido, also known as “The Art of Peace”, is a Japanese martial art that embraces harmony. Instead of clashing head-on, practitioners learn to redirect and blend with an opponent’s energy, using throws and joint locks for self-defence without inflicting harm.

**Date:** Saturday, 24 March 2024

**Time:** 1.45pm to 2.00pm  
3.00pm to 3.15pm

**Location:** Flower Field Hall

- **SUZUME ODORI**

Often the highlight of the Sendai Aoba Festival, the popular Suzume Odori – which means “Sparrow Dance” in English – thrills audiences with its unique, birdlike movements and brightly-coloured fans and costumes. The performances are brought to visitors by the Japanese members of Sendai Suzume Odori Singapore.

**Date:** Saturday, 24 March 2024

**Time:** 3.30pm to 3.45pm  
5.30pm to 5.45pm

**Location:** Flower Field Hall

- **JCC CINEMA: JOSEE, THE TIGER AND THE FISH**

In this heartwarming anime, Tsuneo is a university student and Josee is a young girl who has rarely gone out of the house by herself due to her being unable to walk. The two meet when Tsuneo finds Josee’s grandmother taking her out for an evening walk.

**Date:** Saturday, 24 March 2024

**Time:** 3.45pm to 5.30pm

**Location:** Flower Field Hall

## **TOURING SPRINGTIME JAPAN**

The rich tapestry of Japanese culture and cuisine is showcased at Touring Springtime Japan, where a line-up of activities relate to some of the best that Japan’s six key regions have to offer! Learn about each of the prefectures and the culture and food of these regions, as well as sample delicious snacks from Japan. Don’t miss the chance to experience the age-old tradition of mochi pounding, where a wooden mallet is used to vigorously pound flour into a sticky, delicious mochi cake.



On Saturday, March 23, ticket holders to Flower Dome will be the first to experience these exciting cultural experiences. Programmes will then be open to all members of the public for free on Sunday, March 24.

**Date:** Saturday, 23 March and Sunday, 24 March 2024

**Time:** 12.00pm to 7.00pm

**Location:** Flower Field Hall

**Details:**

- Admission to Flower Dome applies on opening day on Saturday, 23 March 2024.
- Admission is free on Sunday, 24 March 2024.
- Visit [www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/touringspringtimejapan](http://www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/touringspringtimejapan) for details.

## ANIME GARDEN

Making a return after a four-year hiatus is Anime Garden. On March 30 and March 31, anime enthusiasts are in for a treat, with a packed weekend schedule that includes appearances by regional cosplay artists and the popular Cosplay Singles Competition. There is also an exciting concert line-up of Japanese artists, including legendary anisong singer Hiroshi Kitadani, a marketplace offering merchandise and works by regional artists and creators, as well as a selection of Japanese food and drinks. Best of all, most of the activities are free!

### COSPLAY SINGLES COMPETITION

Cosplayers show off their costuming, armour-making, wig design, make-up, and even acting skills in a fun and friendly competition. The top three winners will receive attractive cash prizes.

**Date:** Sunday, 31 March 2024

**Time:** 5.20pm to 6.10pm

**Location:** Supertree Grove

**Details:** Free

### CELEBRITY COSPLAYER MEET & GREET

Take photos with Thames Malerose, Mikki, Baobao, and Xiaoyukiko at Flower Dome and join them for an autograph & Hi-Touch session at Supertree Grove! Bring your official merchandise to participate!

- **Baobao (包包)** is a cosplayer and content creator from Hong Kong with close to 1 million followers across many major social media platforms, who has made appearances at the some of region's biggest events, including AFA Singapore 2023.



- Instagram: [@baobao821](#)
- Facebook: [BaoBao](#)
- **Mikki** is an up-and-coming Malaysian cosplayer and illustrator, with over 146,000 fans on Instagram and other social media platforms. Mikki has collaborated with many renowned gaming, beauty, and fashion companies. Aside from cosplay and illustration, they also love fashion, food, and travel.
  - Instagram: [@mikki\\_kairi](#)
- **Thames Malerose** from Thailand has been cosplaying since 2006. His skills bagged him and his partner Jasper Z the third place at World Cosplay Summit 2022 in Nagoya, Japan. He has been invited as a guest and judge for many events in Asia, as well as regularly engaged to endorse products and games as a cosplayer model. Having attended Gardens by the Bay's Anime Garden in 2018 and 2019, fans will be thrilled to have him back at this year's edition.
  - Instagram: [@thames\\_malerose](#)
  - Facebook: [Thames Malerose](#)
- **Xiaoyukiko**'s cosplay career may be young, but she's already made a name for herself with her cute and captivating cosplays. Based in Singapore, she has more than 1 million followers across Facebook and Instagram. She has also been a frequent guest in international conventions since her debut in AFA 2016.
  - Instagram: [@xiaoyukiko](#)
  - Facebook: [Yukiko Ryo](#)

**Date:** Saturday, 30 March and Sunday, 31 March 2024

**Time:** Various timings

**Location:** Flower Dome & Supertree Grove

**Details:** There is no admission charge at Supertree Grove but a ticket is required to enter Flower Dome.

\*Limited to 100 pax at Flower Dome. Queue starts 30 minutes before the session.

## **JAPANESE MUSIC CONCERT**

Don't miss debut performances in Singapore by top Japanese acts Hiro from MY FIRST STORY, TeddyLoid, and WISE! If you love anisong, check out these special live performances by Hiroshi Kitadani and NANO!

### **Theme: Japan Music Night**

Performers: Hiro (MY FIRST STORY), TeddyLoid and WISE! (Teriyaki Boyz)\*

\*This debut performance in Singapore also marks Hiro, TeddyLoid and WISE!'s first time performing together.



**Date:** Saturday, 30 March  
**Time:** 8.00pm to 9.00pm  
**Location:** Supertree Grove  
**Details:** Free

**Theme: I Love Anisong**

Performers:

NANO, a Japanese bilingual singer with roots in New York, first captured global attention in 2010 by posting English covers of Japanese songs on YouTube, garnering widespread acclaim. After debuting in 2013, NANO marked a milestone with their inaugural live concert "Remember your colour." at Shinkiba Studio Coast, where all 2,500 tickets sold out within just a day.

Hiroshi Kitadani, a legendary figure in anime music, is celebrated for lending his vocal talents to the iconic anime series One Piece, where he performed the first, fifteenth, nineteenth (in collaboration with Kishidan), twenty-second, and twenty-sixth opening themes. Renowned for his numerous contributions to anime theme songs, his voice has become synonymous with the adventurous spirit of the series.

**Date:** Sunday, 31 March 2024  
**Time:** 9.00pm to 10.00pm  
**Location:** Supertree Grove  
**Details:** Free

**STAGE PERFORMERS**

Enjoy performances by incredible homegrown talents plus international performers direct from Japan!

**Date:** Saturday, 30 March 2024  
**Time:** From 4.00pm onwards  
**Location:** Supertree Grove  
**Details:** Free

- Performers:
  - Sparkle Guitar Ensemble
  - Mike Miller
  - Allen 徐广利
  - Narutee
  - Ryoko
  - Kirameki FUTURE
  - DEARKISS



- Golden Mix

**Date:** Sunday, 31 March

**Time:** From 4.00pm onwards

**Location:** Supertree Grove

**Details:** Free

- Performers:
  - Tokimeki JUMP
  - AIJOU
  - Rae Atrista
  - alt.titude
  - Dear Kiss

### **ANIME MARKETPLACE**

Relax and have fun at the Anime Marketplace! Treat yourself to yummy Japanese street eats and snag exclusive anime merchandise at the retail booths.

**Date:** Saturday, 30 March and Sunday, 31 March 2024

**Time:** 3.30pm to 10.00pm

**Location:** Supertree Grove

**Details:** There is no admission charge to Anime Marketplace but charges apply at the booths.



## ANA X GARDENS BY THE BAY SAKURA GIVEAWAY



Win a pair of economy class tickets to ANYWHERE in Japan! Wander beneath a canopy of delicate cherry blossoms and immerse yourself in the ethereal beauty of Sakura season at Flower Dome.

Just scan the contest QR code at the Sakura floral display to answer a simple question and stand a chance to win!

This contest is brought to you by All Nippon Airways (ANA).

Terms and conditions:

- Contest period: 22 March to 21 April 2024
- The lucky draw is open to Singapore residents, 18 years old and above.
- Only one entry per registered ANA member is allowed. Repeated entries will not be considered.
- For more information, visit [www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/sakura](http://www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/sakura).